1	BEFORE THE						
	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION						
2	IN THE MATTER OF:						
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	MR. SUBMARINE ) No. 06-0731						
4	-vs-						
Е	PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND COKE )						
5	COMPANY and ILLINOIS ENERGY ) SAVINGS CORP., d/b/a U.S. ENERGY )						
6	SAVINGS CORP.,						
	Complaint as to billing/charges )						
7	in Chicago, Illinois.						
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O	December 13, 2006						
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	Met pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m.						
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11	BEFORE:						
	MS. LESLIE HAYNES, Administrative Law Judge.						
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1.0	APPEARANCES:						
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	pro se;						
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21	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by						
22	Kerry L. Knapp, CSR,						
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- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: Pursuant to the direction of the
- 2 Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
- 3 06-0731. This is the complaint of Mr. Submarine
- 4 vs. Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and, I
- 5 believe, also U.S. Energy.
- 6 May I have the appearances for the record,
- 7 please. Your name and address, please.
- 8 MR. MIZYED: Awadallah Mizyed, 2900 West 63rd
- 9 Street, Chicago, Illinois 60629.
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Could you spell your name for the
- 11 court reporter.
- 12 MR. MIZYED: A-w-a-d-a-1-1-a-h M-i-z-y-e-d.
- 13 MR. McMANAMAN: Martin McMananan,
- 14 M-c-M-a-n-a-m-a-n, Lowis & Gellen, LLP, on behalf of
- U.S. Energy.
- 16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: On behalf the Peoples Gas Light
- 17 and Coke Company, Mark L. Goldstein, 108 Wilmot Road,
- 18 Suite 330, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. My telephone
- 19 number is (847)580-5480.
- 20 I have with me today Zenetra Weatherall --
- 21 that's Z-e-n-e-t-r-a W-e-a-t-h-e-r-a-l-l -- from
- 22 Peoples Gas.

- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 2 My first concern in looking at this
- 3 complaint is that this is a business. And,
- 4 generally, we require that businesses be represented
- 5 by an attorney. It won't be an issue today. Today
- 6 will just be a status hearing where we'll talk about
- 7 how this matter will proceed.
- 8 But I think that if this matter is going to
- 9 go forward, you will need to be represented.
- 10 MR. MIZYED: I do have representation. He is
- 11 working on it right now. But since you said this is
- 12 just a prehearing, I decided to come by myself.
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: That's fine.
- 14 MR. MIZYED: It's Howard & Howard. That's the
- one that's going to be probably representing me.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Sounds good.
- 17 MR. MIZYED: His name is William Shea.
- 18 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Generally, I like to give
- 19 parties an opportunity to use the room and talk about
- the case and, if it's possible, to settle it. Have
- 21 the parties at all had an opportunity to discuss
- 22 this?

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No. But, Judge, I would point
- out, you know, I think that any settlement that would
- 3 have to occur would have to be between Illinois
- 4 Energy and Mr. Submarine.
- As far as I'm concerned, based upon reading
- 6 the complaint and the information provided by
- 7 Illinois Energy, which was also provided to
- 8 your Honor, I assume --
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: I haven't seen it. Was it filed
- on E-Docket?
- 11 MR. McMANAMAN: You didn't receive a
- 12 hand-delivery, your Honor?
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: No.
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Based upon that information,
- 15 Judge, it's plain from the face of the complaint and
- 16 the information provided by Illinois Energy that
- 17 whatever the dispute is, it is between Mr. Submarine
- and Illinois Energy and not with Peoples Gas.
- 19 Therefore, for the record, I am making an
- 20 interim motion to dismiss the Peoples Gas Light and
- 21 Coke Company out of this proceeding.
- I do not believe that the Commission in any

- 1 event could enter an order in this matter which would
- 2 have any effect upon the service provided to
- 3 Mr. Submarine by Peoples Gas.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: By Peoples Gas?
- 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. We were the transportation
- 6 company for Mr. Submarine. Illinois Energy is the
- 7 supplier.
- 8 MR. McMANAMAN: Judge, if I could try to shed
- 9 some light on that?
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Sure.
- 11 MR. McMANAMAN: Obviously, U.S. Energy disagrees
- 12 to a certain extent. I'm not exactly sure the entire
- 13 basis of the complainant's claim here, but I think
- 14 that part of it is that there was no contract with
- U.S. Energy. Obviously, U.S. Energy, and U.S. Energy
- 16 alone, responds to that part of it.
- I think there's also, though, an issue with
- 18 respect to the amount of billing that's occurred over
- 19 some period of time. While U.S. Energy is the gas
- 20 supplier, if there is some discrepancy about the
- 21 amount of usage, U.S. Energy has no say one way or
- the other over that. That's going to be entirely in

- 1 Peoples Gas' court.
- 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think it's plain from the face
- of the complaint, Judge, that whatever the dispute
- 4 is, it relates to whether or not Mr. Submarine or
- 5 anyone representing Mr. Submarine entered into an
- 6 agreement with Illinois Energy as Mr. Submarine's
- 7 energy supplier.
- 8 MR. MIZYED: I dispute that. I never entered no
- 9 contract with Peoples Energy. I was with Peoples
- 10 Energy ever since I bought the establishment. And,
- 11 to my knowledge, I never signed a contract with U.S.
- 12 Energy, but I was being charged on my bill for them
- to be my supplier when I caught on because Peoples
- 14 Energy was the ones sending me the bill.
- I wouldn't know any difference because it's
- 16 the same bill. The only thing, there would be a
- 17 small line indicating that I have a supplier, a new
- 18 supplier. And I have a contract with them saying
- 19 it's U.S. Energy.
- When I tried to dispute this problem between
- 21 Peoples Energy and U.S. Energy, no one wanted to hear
- it. They kept on giving me the run-around. Every

- 1 time I tried to speak to a supervisor, no one would
- 2 contact me regarding my therms, regarding this
- 3 problem with this contract, regarding anything.
- 4 I suggested a lot of things that could be
- 5 going wrong with the pipeline, with the gas itself.
- 6 I specifically asked numerous times for them to come
- 7 out and check it out, maybe there's a gas leak, which
- 8 not one person from Peoples Energy called me or came
- 9 out to check it out.
- 10 So until this day, I still don't have no one
- 11 coming out to my establishment to figure out what's
- 12 going on, why is my therms going so high. I have
- one month where they charged me 1600 therms. And
- it's the peak of -- of the summer. And I don't
- 15 understand exactly what was going on.
- 16 And, like I said, I tried to speak to both
- 17 of them. They gave me the run-around. That's the
- 18 reason why I submitted a complaint to the Illinois
- 19 Commerce Commission. From here, that's the reason
- why we're here right now.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, just reading the very face
- of the complaint, Judge, there is no allegation in

- 1 the complaint about being overcharged for the number
- 2 of therms used.
- 3 JUDGE HAYNES: Therms and additional fees, No. 1.
- 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well -- but the fees that he's
- 5 talking about are transportation fees that are part
- of any bill that goes out to a customer.
- 7 JUDGE HAYNES: And --
- 8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And since he did not even provide
- 9 a copy of any of the bills that he's complaining
- 10 about, at the very least, I would then make a motion
- 11 to strike the complaint.
- 12 MR. MIZYED: I had specifically called Peoples
- 13 Energy explaining to them that I would fax them over
- 14 previous bills from previous years for previous
- 15 months. And, like I said, not one supervisor from
- 16 Peoples Energy or U.S. Energy accepted my offer to
- 17 try to settle this, to resolve this problem and for
- 18 me to fax to show what kind of therms I was using
- 19 from previous years.
- 20 My place of business has been there for 33
- 21 years. And the old owner was with Peoples Energy.
- 22 And it states how much therms he was using. It

- 1 states how much therms I was using. And, like I
- 2 said, it was just outrageous. This year, it was
- 3 very, very outrageous, especially when they decided
- 4 to play around with my meter by attaching some gadget
- 5 to make it easier for them where they used to come in
- 6 and read it --
- 7 JUDGE HAYNES: A remote reading device?
- 8 MR. MIZYED: Yes. They used to come in and read
- 9 it once a month to get an accurate reading. Now they
- 10 don't come in at all. Like I said, they don't even
- 11 respond to a gas leak when I mentioned for them to
- 12 come out so I can get someone to come out. No one
- 13 responded.
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But, Mr. Mizyed, you did speak to
- 15 Ms. Weatherall, did you not?
- 16 MR. MIZYED: Yes, I did. I spoke to her two days
- 17 before this hearing. And she even sent me a fax
- 18 stating that U.S. Energy had made a settlement.
- 19 There was an article in the Harold Times, I believe,
- 20 and -- to inform me that they had made a settlement.
- 21 And, like I said, Peoples Energy had made a
- 22 settlement previous, I believe, a year before where

- 1 they were being sued by the consumer, the public,
- 2 about usage of gas and the therms that they were
- 3 being cheated by, and they had made a settlement.
- 4 So it's not a one-thing issue. It's been
- 5 happening before and after and it might still go on.
- I take a stand, not just for me, but every other
- 7 store owner and for every other residential person
- 8 that lives in my area or in Illinois itself, that
- 9 these big businesses can't come in and just take
- 10 advantage of us small business owners.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: Mr. Goldstein, I'd have to say
- 12 that I don't think that, from the face of the
- 13 complaint, it is as obvious that -- as you seem to
- 14 think, that Peoples Gas is not properly here to
- 15 respond to this complaint.
- 16 And he clearly has a disagreement with the
- 17 therms and he mentions the bills -- billing period.
- 18 So I'm going to have to deny your motion to dismiss
- 19 Peoples Gas or Peoples Energy.
- 20 And I believe your alternative was that you
- 21 wanted him to supply you with bills or --
- 22 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No. I would like to have the

- 1 complaint stricken. It's -- I don't believe it
- 2 states the cause of action against Peoples Gas.
- And since Mr. Mizyed has, I assume, retained
- 4 an attorney --
- 5 MR. MIZYED: I haven't done so yet.
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- whom I happen to know --
- 7 MR. MIZYED: He called me up and I sent him all
- 8 the bills. I faxed him over all the bills and stuff.
- 9 So, like I said, it's -- there's -- we could resolve
- 10 this problem. The faster, the better. But if --
- like I said, one of the major things that I'm having
- is no one is responding to me.
- 13 Like I said, if there is a gas leak in my
- 14 business, that's considerably a hazardous problem
- 15 that can cause a lot of injury if it explodes, if it
- 16 destroys my business.
- 17 Like I said, Peoples Energy has not came
- 18 through to even inspect. And if I have to go further
- on with this hearing for them to come out to inspect,
- 20 to see what's going on, why is my therms being
- 21 charged so high, and if there is a gas leak, for them
- 22 to repair it and fix it because that is their

- 1 responsibility because it's like a dangerous --
- 2 people -- I got customers that come in every single
- 3 day.
- 4 Once in a while, employees tend to say that
- 5 they smell gas. We tried to figure out what's going
- on, if it's coming from the store, if it's coming
- 7 from the streets. We don't know. But it's happening
- 8 and we would like to know what exactly they did in my
- 9 basement when they hooked up this gadget that they --
- 10 so they can read the meter the right way.
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, Mr. Mizyed is alleging
- things that are certainly not part of this complaint.
- 13 I would also point out that if there is any leak, the
- 14 leak would be on the customer's side of the meter and
- it would be Mr. Mizyed's responsibility to repair
- 16 that leak if, in fact, it exists.
- I guess for this morning, we would be happy
- to go through the bills with Mr. Mizyed and show him
- 19 that, perhaps, he may be mistaken with respect to the
- amount of gas flowing through the meter.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: I'd have to say that rather
- 22 than -- I think that's a good idea, that you sit down

- 1 and talk about the bills. And I agree that some of
- the issues raised are not in your complaint here.
- 3 And because you've indicated that you are in
- 4 the process of retaining an attorney, and that will
- 5 be necessary to go forward, I think that you should
- 6 talk to your attorney and -- you know, complaints can
- 7 be amended here if, after talking to your attorney,
- 8 you decide that's necessary.
- 9 And rather than getting into anything else
- 10 today, I think we should continue it. Next time,
- 11 have your attorney. So we should pick a date.
- 12 MR. MIZYED: That's fine with me. I'm just
- 13 saying that, you know, someone should come out. And
- 14 hopefully we can have someone from them to come out
- 15 and inspect because this started ever since they --
- 16 which was this year, where they decided to do some
- 17 adjustment to the meter. Before it wasn't happening.
- 18 Now it's happening.
- 19 So I'm just giving a possibility that it
- 20 might be a leak. I'm not saying there is a leak. I
- 21 don't know what to do for me to inspect to see if
- there's any leakage inside the meter or through the

- 1 pipeline that's leading into my building.
- I'm not the owner of the building, but I'm
- just the owner of the business. And, like I said, I
- 4 don't work for Peoples Energy for me to inspect gas
- 5 leaks and stuff. I know that by me owning a house,
- 6 that usually when I have a problem with my gas, they
- 7 automatically -- when I call them up, Nicor or
- 8 whatever, they'll come out right away and make sure
- 9 there's no gas leaks. They make sure that everything
- is okay because they don't want to cause any problems
- for me, for my health and for my kids or for anyone
- 12 that's living with me.
- I think that's why I'm stating it right now.
- 14 If I didn't mention it before, which I did, I made
- 15 suggestions to them for them to come out so they can
- inspect, but no one responded. And I think that's
- 17 poor judgment by them; where someone is telling them
- 18 there is a gas leak, they should -- even if I'm
- 19 telling them it's a possibility, they still should
- 20 have the decency to try to come out and see what's
- 21 going on. And they haven't done that.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.

- 1 MR. MIZYED: And -- I'm sorry. And U.S. Energy,
- when I would talk to Peoples Energy, Peoples Energy
- 3 would tell me it's U.S. Energy's problem, not ours.
- 4 They would just say, We're the delivery people.
- 5 That's all we do for you.
- 6 When I would call U.S. Energy, they said, We
- 7 don't do anything, we just supply you with the gas.
- 8 Then they would say we get the readings from Peoples
- 9 Energy. They would do everything. Even your billing
- 10 would come through Peoples Energy. They would take
- 11 care of all these meetings.
- 12 So it was a run-around between them. There
- was no compassion or any help from either of them.
- 14 Finally, when I looked over it and over it and I told
- them, I don't have a contract with you guys, show me
- 16 some proof of that. My signature -- my license is
- 17 with you guys. And I will be willing to pay or work
- 18 out something with you.
- 19 They had no proof of that matter. They had
- 20 some agent come in the middle of the night and deal
- 21 with one of my younger cousins, which is -- he is
- 22 under the age of 17 and had him sign a piece of

- 1 paper, which is not even his name.
- 2 He was just terrified because someone was
- 3 coming with a badge or a picture ID telling him that
- 4 he's from the gas company. He was worried, he
- 5 panicked, and he thought he was signing saying that
- 6 they did appear and come to the store. That's all
- 7 that he did. Like I said, it was poor judgment by
- 8 him.
- 9 But I stated before to my attorney, the one
- 10 that's going to represent me hopefully, that I will
- 11 get a letter stating that -- how old the kid is from
- 12 my aunt when they were visiting and the purpose why
- 13 he was there.
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- MR. McMANAMAN: Judge, just for the record,
- obviously, U.S. Energy disagrees, you know, with that
- 17 characterization of events entirely. You know, the
- 18 contract was signed. There is a customer service
- 19 call that's made at the time of the contract signing.
- 20 And then there's also a customer service call made by
- 21 another manager of Mr. Mizyed in November 2005
- 22 asking -- and a copy of the transcript of that call

- 1 has been tendered to your Honor and to Mr. Mizyed.
- 2 I have an electronic -- or an audio
- 3 recording of that call as well that I'm happy to
- 4 share with the parties and the Commission. But that
- 5 call shows very clearly that the business
- 6 acknowledged that the contract was entered and
- 7 expected it to be implemented already as of November
- 8 2005 and was wondering why it hadn't been
- 9 implemented.
- 10 So there was no -- you know, to -- you know,
- 11 this statement today that there was no contract
- 12 entered or that it was entered incompetently is
- entirely inconsistent with the prior contract with
- 14 Mr. Submarine.
- 15 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- MR. MIZYED: I just want to state one thing. It
- 17 was my brother. He made a delivery. He came back
- when this thing already happened and he already had
- 19 signed the paper. So he -- the agent that was
- 20 working for U.S. Energy, he was explaining everything
- 21 after my cousin had signed it to my brother.
- 22 And my brother, since it was a matter that

- 1 wasn't a big issue and he didn't get a chance to read
- 2 everything, true enough he did -- they did call to
- 3 confirm that there is some type of contract between
- 4 Mr. Submarine and U.S. Energy, the signing on that
- 5 day with my brother.
- 6 But my brother had no authority to change
- 7 anything without my knowledge in the middle of the
- 8 night, 8:00, 7:00 at night. He has no authority. He
- 9 is just an employee of Mr. Submarine. I have to make
- 10 the contract binding by me, not by anyone else.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: This is an issue we can explore if
- we go to evidentiary hearing.
- 13 MR. MIZYED: They already cancelled -- they knew
- 14 they were in violation of that because they didn't
- 15 have my signature, my authority to say it's okay for
- 16 him to sign me. They released me of that contract.
- 17 I have papers stating that they released me and -- to
- 18 try to resolve the problem as fast as they can
- 19 resolve it because they knew that they were in the
- 20 wrong. That's all I wanted to state right now.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So do you think that you
- 22 will have an attorney within -- by the middle of

- 1 January?
- 2 MR. MIZYED: Hopefully, yes.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, I'll be on vacation.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: End of January?
- 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sure. I would ask that the next
- 6 hearing be an evidentiary hearing based upon my
- 7 experience with Mr. Shea who is the attorney that I
- 8 believe you are going to retain. And be prepared for
- 9 at least an all-day hearing.
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Be prepared for at least a what?
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: An all-day hearing. Judge, I
- 12 have two other matters involving Peoples Gas where
- 13 Mr. Shea is representing complainants. And that's
- 14 the modus operandi. I'm just forewarning you that
- 15 this matter has to be set for an all-day hearing --
- 16 at least an all-day hearing.
- 17 JUDGE HAYNES: I'm not familiar with Mr. Shea.
- 18 And I will give him an opportunity to appear here for
- 19 a status and also to take his -- keep his scheduling
- 20 in mind. And I think that a status hearing next
- 21 would be appropriate.
- However, if things all go smoothly, there's

- 1 no reason we can't schedule an evidentiary hearing
- 2 soon, if parties are unable to settle.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: As far as we're concerned, Judge,
- 4 gas passed through the meter. What happened after
- 5 that, we don't know. Mr. Submarine is not paying its
- 6 gas bills and that's where we're at.
- 7 MR. MIZYED: That's the reason we haven't paid.
- 8 We were paying. Then the Illinois Commerce
- 9 Commission, Mr. Franklin Johnson, informed me to stop
- 10 paying -- stop making payments until we get this
- 11 matter -- for me to get an accurate reading for my
- therms, for my accurate bill.
- I was paying, I think it was, two months
- 14 ago. Then I stopped because the Illinois Commerce
- 15 Commission told me to stop. And they told me that
- 16 you don't have to worry about them turning off gas
- 17 because of the simple fact you have a formal
- 18 complaint about them. And until this matter is done,
- 19 where -- their money is there, but I just don't know
- 20 what my bill is. I can't pay something that I don't
- 21 owe.
- 22 And that's what I explained to Mr. Franklin

- Johnson. And he told me to -- not to worry about it,
- 2 you will get your hearing. And after the hearing,
- 3 you will resolve whatever needs to be resolved.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: I believe that actually you only
- 5 don't have to pay the amounts that are in dispute.
- 6 But you need to remain current on your current bills.
- 7 MR. MIZYED: It's not been current. It's -- last
- 8 month, I got a bill for 484 therms or 384 therms.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: Your complaint is through
- 10 November 2006. So any charges after that are not
- in -- necessarily in dispute. However, I understand
- that you're still disputing your therm amounts.
- MR. MIZYED: 2006 of November, which is last
- 14 month.
- JUDGE HAYNES: I think you should probably run
- 16 the not-paying-your-bill thing past your attorney
- 17 because --
- MR. MIZYED: No, but this is from 2005 to 2006
- 19 when I made the complaint. That's the months that
- 20 I've been complaining about. It hasn't been accurate
- 21 from September, whenever they put that gadget -- or
- whenever U.S. Energy got involved. It hasn't been

- 1 current. My bill hasn't been the same.
- 2 That's -- I think I did write it down on my
- 3 complaint. It's from September through November
- 4 of 2006. So that's -- we're talking about the whole
- 5 entire -- considerably the whole entire year of 2006
- 6 because 2005 and 2004, my bills were all paid. And I
- 7 did pay the first month of September and I did pay
- 8 the first month of October and stuff.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: I'm just recommending that you ask
- 10 your attorney. Perhaps, if you want to rephrase your
- 11 complaint to not limit it to that time frame.
- 12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: There are your bills.
- JUDGE HAYNES: And, perhaps, to get some legal
- 14 advice on not paying your bill.
- 15 So end of January?
- MR. McMANAMAN: Yeah. Did you have a particular
- date in mind, your Honor?
- 18 JUDGE HAYNES: Well, Mr. Goldstein, you're on
- 19 vacation at some point in January.
- 20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: How about January 30th, 31st, one
- of those days?
- 22 JUDGE HAYNES: That's fine with me. Is either

- 1 better for --
- 2 MR. McMANAMAN: Either one is fine with me.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Mr. Mizyed, the 30th or the 31st
- 4 of January, does it matter?
- 5 MR. MIZYED: That's fine with me. This is only
- from 11 of 2005 to the end of 2006. I have my bills
- 7 from 2004.
- 8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Those bills are not in question,
- 9 Mr. Mizyed.
- 10 MR. MIZYED: I know that, but --
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: If you go through the bills
- 12 that --
- 13 MR. MIZYED: I'm going -- I know --
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- we've provided you -- you want
- to give me a chance to speak? You've been speaking a
- lot this morning.
- 17 MR. MIZYED: I have to. I have to defend my
- 18 business. I have to defend myself. You're a
- 19 big-time lawyer. I'm just a consumer.
- 20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. If you go through the
- 21 bills, Mr. Mizyed, you'll see that there were many
- 22 adjustments made to your bill. And, you know, as far

- 1 as I'm concerned, at the moment, your complaint
- 2 against Peoples Gas is totally and completely
- 3 unfounded.
- 4 And by retaining a Peoria law firm to
- 5 represent you, you know, you can do whatever you
- 6 want, but you better be prepared to pay for it.
- 7 MR. MIZYED: Okay. What I was trying to explain
- 8 is from 2004, I am comparing my 2004 bills to my 2005
- 9 to my 2006 just to see how the flow of the years went
- 10 and how much am I being charged.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: So would you like prior -- copies
- of prior bills from the company?
- 13 MR. MIZYED: I have all my bills except for two
- 14 specific months in 2006, which they never sent me.
- 15 Peoples Energy never sent me my bills. They have
- 16 recordings --
- 17 JUDGE HAYNES: In 2006?
- 18 MR. MIZYED: In 2006.
- 19 JUDGE HAYNES: So, hopefully, those are in that
- 20 pile.
- 21 MR. MIZYED: Yeah. I had requested them previous
- times when I wouldn't receive my bill. A month would

- go by. Call them up say, Hello, I haven't received
- 2 my bill for March. Can I get my bill, please? I
- 3 don't know.
- 4 Are you guys skipping a month? In my
- 5 residential area, which is Nicor, I believe in the
- 6 summer or -- I'm just suggesting that that's what
- 7 they're doing, where they skip a month and they're
- 8 doing it every two billing cycles where they're
- 9 sending me out my statement.
- 10 So I assume that's what Peoples Energy was
- 11 doing, which they weren't doing that. And then I
- don't have two months of -- from 2006.
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Okay.
- 14 MR. MIZYED: So they're not even accurate on the
- 15 billings.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: If you don't have anything --
- documents that you think you night need, you're free
- 18 to get those. Ask for them from Mr. Goldstein. And
- 19 Mr. Goldstein may want copies of stuff from you or
- Mr. McManaman.
- 21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The March bill 2006 is in the
- 22 package I gave him, Judge.

1 MR. MIZYED: I was just suggesting that one of 2 the months I mentioned of March --3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're just talking off the top of your head instead of actual facts. 5 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay, Mr. Goldstein. MR. MIZYED: I don't have it. I don't have it. 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: This is just a lot of 7 8 conversation. JUDGE HAYNES: And so we're going to continue this until January 30th at 10:00 a.m. 10 11 (Whereupon, the above 12 entitled proceedings were 13 continued to January 30, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.) 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

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